

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 2646  
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Page 82, strike line 18 and all that follows through  
page 83, line 15, and insert the following:

1       (e) MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING  
2 GRANTS.—Section 520J of the Public Health Service Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 290bb–41) is amended to read as follows:

4 **“SEC. 520J. MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING GRANTS.**

5       “(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary, acting through the  
6 Administrator, shall award grants to States, political sub-  
7 divisions of States, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and  
8 nonprofit private entities to initiate and sustain mental  
9 health first aid training programs.

10       “(b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

11               “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for funding  
12 under subsection (a), a mental health first aid train-  
13 ing program shall—

14                       “(A) be designed to train individuals in the  
15 categories listed in paragraph (2) to accomplish  
16 the objectives described in paragraph (3);

17                       “(B) ensure that training is conducted by  
18 trainers that are properly licensed and

1           credentialed by nonprofit entities as designated  
2           by the Secretary; and

3           “(C) include—

4           “(i) at a minimum—

5           “(I) a core live training course  
6           for individuals in the categories listed  
7           in paragraph (2) on the skills, re-  
8           sources, and knowledge to assist indi-  
9           viduals in crisis to connect with ap-  
10          propriate local mental health care  
11          services;

12          “(II) training on mental health  
13          resources, including the location of  
14          community mental health centers de-  
15          scribed in section 1913(c), in the  
16          State and local community; and

17          “(III) training on action plans  
18          and protocols for referral to such re-  
19          sources; and

20          “(ii) where feasible, continuing edu-  
21          cation and updated training for individuals  
22          in the categories listed in paragraph (2).

23          “(2) CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE  
24          TRAINED.—The categories of individuals listed in  
25          this paragraph are the following:

1           “(A) Emergency services personnel and  
2           other first responders.

3           “(B) Police officers and other law enforce-  
4           ment personnel.

5           “(C) Teachers and school administrators.

6           “(D) Human resources professionals.

7           “(E) Faith community leaders.

8           “(F) Nurses and other primary care per-  
9           sonnel.

10          “(G) Students enrolled in an elementary  
11          school, a secondary school, or an institution of  
12          higher education.

13          “(H) The parents of students described in  
14          subparagraph (G).

15          “(I) Veterans.

16          “(J) Other individuals, audiences or train-  
17          ing populations as determined appropriate by  
18          the Secretary.

19          “(3) OBJECTIVES OF TRAINING.—To be eligible  
20          for funding under subsection (a), a mental health  
21          first aid training program shall be designed to train  
22          individuals in the categories listed in paragraph (2)  
23          to accomplish each of the following objectives (as ap-  
24          propriate for the individuals to be trained, taking  
25          into consideration their age):

1 “(A) Safe de-escalation of crisis situations.

2 “(B) Recognition of the signs and symp-  
3 toms of mental illness, including such common  
4 psychiatric conditions as schizophrenia, bipolar  
5 disorder, major clinical depression, and anxiety  
6 disorders.

7 “(C) Timely referral to mental health serv-  
8 ices in the early stages of developing mental  
9 disorders in order to—

10 “(i) avoid more costly subsequent be-  
11 havioral health care; and

12 “(ii) enhance the effectiveness of men-  
13 tal health services.

14 “(c) DISTRIBUTION OF AWARDS.—In awarding  
15 grants under this section, the Secretary shall—

16 “(1) ensure that grants are equitably distrib-  
17 uted among the geographical regions of the United  
18 States; and

19 “(2) pay particular attention to the mental  
20 health training needs of populations and target audi-  
21 ences residing in rural areas.

22 “(d) APPLICATION.—A State, political subdivision of  
23 a State, Indian tribe, tribal organization, or nonprofit pri-  
24 vate entity that desires a grant under this section shall  
25 submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in

1 such manner, and containing such information as the Sec-  
2 retary may require, including a plan for the rigorous eval-  
3 uation of activities that are carried out with funds received  
4 under such grant.

5 “(e) EVALUATION.—A State, political subdivision of  
6 a State, Indian tribe, tribal organization, or nonprofit pri-  
7 vate entity that receives a grant under this section shall  
8 prepare and submit an evaluation to the Secretary at such  
9 time, in such manner, and containing such information as  
10 the Secretary may reasonably require, including an evalua-  
11 tion of activities carried out with funds received under  
12 such grant and a process and outcome evaluation.

13 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To  
14 carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-  
15 priated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2016 and such sums  
16 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2017 and  
17 2018.”.

